

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus capable of reading image information and surface quality from a subject copy and reproducing images including the surface quality on various sheets is provided. The apparatus includes an image reading unit which reads the image information and surface quality and supplies image data and surface quality data, an image processing unit having recorded image preparing means for preparing image data for recording by subjecting the image data to prescribed image processing and surface quality determining means for determining the surface quality of the subject copy from the surface quality data and preparing surface quality determination data, and an image output unit having image forming means for performing image formation processing on a recording material on the basis of the image data for recording and surface treatment means for performing surface treatment on a sheet according to the surface quality determination data.